

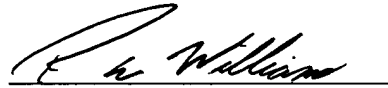
Preliminary Amendment  
U.S. Application. No.: 09/809,262

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested, and favorable consideration in due course is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fees due (except the Issue Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claim is amended as follows:**

17. (Amended) A feed screw device comprising:

a screw shaft;

a nut member threadably engaging an outer periphery of the screw shaft;

a lubricant supply device having an insertion hole formed in an outer periphery side thereof, said lubricant supply device coming in contact with the outer peripheral surface of said screw shaft, such that a portion of said lubricant supply device which contacts the outer peripheral surface of the screw shaft comprises a material including a lubricant;

a retaining ring for retaining said lubricant supply device, said retaining ring extends radially beyond the lubricant supply device; and

a projection formed on said retaining ring and disposed so as to be received in the insertion hole.

**New Claim 24 is added.**

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